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Applicant: HIGUCHI et al.

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Title: SEAT BELT DEVICE FOR AUTOMOBILE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in a Japanese Search Report, mailed August 2, 2005.

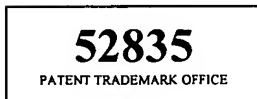
This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. A copy of the Japanese Search Report is also enclosed along with an English translation.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 2001-247010	09/2001	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 3-109152	05/1991	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 2003-226224	08/2003	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 2001-26233	01/2001	Japan			Abstract	
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